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Governor Includes VanderMeer's Sales Tax Holiday Proposal in Budget Address *Assembly passes AB 1/SB 1, updates session rules*

Madison - State Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) is very pleased that Governor Walker has included a sales tax holiday in his proposed budget, mentioned in his budget address to a joint session of the Wisconsin State Legislature this afternoon at the State Capitol.

"Assembly Bill 781, which I authored last session, creates an annual sales tax holiday in August on back-to-school items to help families keep more money in their pockets, but most importantly helps ease the financial burden of making sure their children are prepared for the upcoming school year."

"In the next few weeks, it will be necessary to evaluate the variety of proposals the Governor has put forward. I'm also encouraged at this stage by the proposed additional funding being committed to rural school funding, local transportation aids, and workforce development, while at the same time taking care of Wisconsin taxpayers."

In addition, today The Assembly unanimously approved a bill that opens the door to a \$30 million development and the creation of 120 new jobs.

Assembly Bill 1/Senate Bill 1 allows for a new tax incremental district for the village of Oostburg in Sheboygan County. This move will pave the way for a cheese company to build a 150,000 square foot facility and potentially bring hundreds of jobs to Wisconsin. Today's vote was the final legislative action for the bill, which now goes to Governor Walker for his approval.

The state Assembly's first floor session day also included two resolutions. The first resolution proclaimed February as American Heart Month in Wisconsin; the second honored the public service of a fallen soldier, Army Staff Sergeant Matthew Thompson. The members of the Assembly also updated their rules for the session.

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.